

# Boolean Networks And Self-Organization

A complex network diagram with numerous nodes and directed edges, overlaid with the title text. The nodes are represented by small white circles, and the edges are thin red lines with arrowheads. The network is dense and interconnected, with some edges highlighted in yellow. The text is in a large, white, sans-serif font, with 'Boolean Networks' at the top, 'And' in the middle, and 'Self-Organization' at the bottom.

## key events coming up

- **Labs: 35% (ISE-483)**
  - Complete 5 (best 4 graded) assignments based on algorithms presented in class
    - Lab 2 : February 19<sup>th</sup>
      - *L-Systems* (Assignment 2)
        - Delivered by SSIE583 Group 1
        - Due: February 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Lab 3: March 11<sup>th</sup>
      - Cellular Automata and Boolean Networks (Assignment 3)
        - Delivered by SSIE583 Group 3
        - Due: March 18<sup>th</sup>
- **SSIE – 583 -Presentation and Discussion: 25%**
  - Present and lead the discussion of an article related to the class materials
    - Enginet students post/send video or join by Zoom
  - February 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Kauffman, S.A. [1969]. "Metabolic stability and epigenesis in randomly constructed genetic nets". *Journal of Theoretical Biology* **22**(3):437-467.
      - Yoshiaki Fujita
  - Dates TBA
    - Conrad, M. [1990]. "The geometry of evolution." *Biosystems* **24**: 61-81.
      - Mario Franco
    - Stanley, Kenneth O., Jeff Clune, Joel Lehman, and Risto Miikkulainen. "Designing Neural Networks through Neuroevolution." *Nature Machine Intelligence* **1**, no. 1 (January 2019): 24–35.
      - Jessica Lasebikan
    - Discussion by all



## until now

- **Class Book**

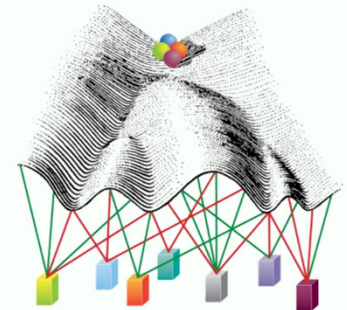
- Floreano, D. and C. Mattiussi [2008]. *Bio-Inspired Artificial Intelligence: Theories, Methods, and Technologies*. MIT Press. Preface, **Sections 4.1, 4.2, Chapter 2.**
  - Nunes de Castro, Leandro [2006]. *Fundamentals of Natural Computing: Basic Concepts, Algorithms, and Applications*. Chapman & Hall. **Chapter 1**, pp. 1-23. Chapter 7, sections 7.1-7.4, **Appendix B.3.1, Chapter 2**, Chapter 8, sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3.10

- **Lecture notes**

- Chapter 1: What is Life?
- Chapter 2: The logical Mechanisms of Life
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- Chapter 4: Self-Organization and Emergent Complex Behavior
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- **Papers and other materials**

- Dynamical Systems
  - Kauffman, S.A. [1969]. "Metabolic stability and epigenesis in randomly constructed genetic nets". *Journal of Theoretical Biology* 22(3):437-467.
- Optional
  - Prusinkiewicz and Lindenmeyer [1996] *The algorithmic beauty of plants.*
    - Chapter 1
  - Flake's [1998], *The Computational Beauty of Life*. MIT Press.
    - Chapters 10, 11, 14 – Dynamics, Attractors and chaos



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### Lecture notes

- 1. What is Life?

### Articles

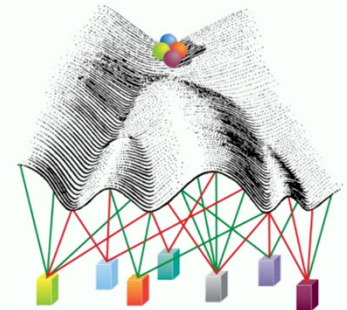
- Dennet, D.C. [2005]. "Show me the Science". *New York Times*, August 28, 2005
- Polt, R. [2012]. "Anything but Human". *New York Times*, August 5, 2012

### Optional Readings

- Gleick, J. [2011]. *The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood*. Random House. Chapter 8.
- Cobb, Matthew. [2013]. "1953: When Genes Became 'Information.'" *Cell* 153 (3): 503-506.
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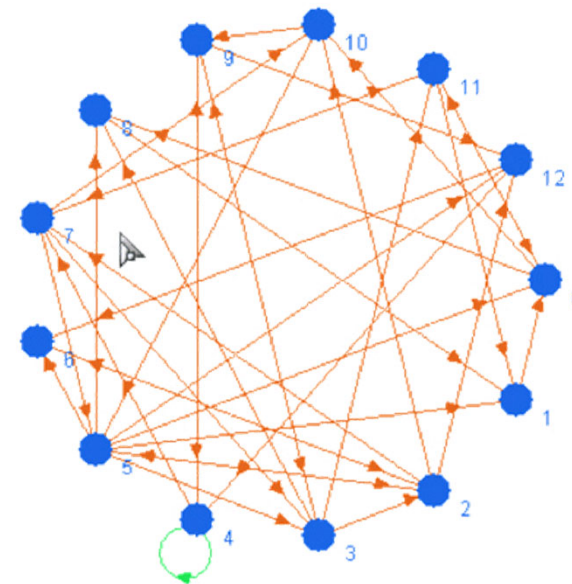
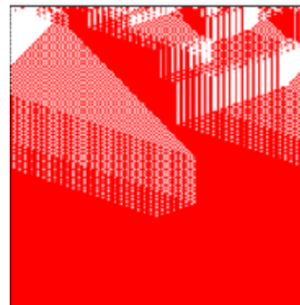
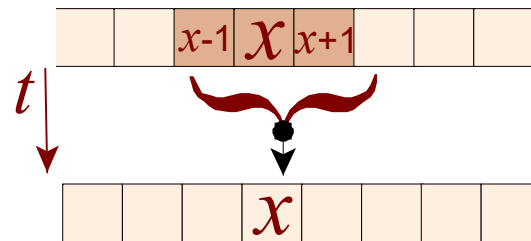
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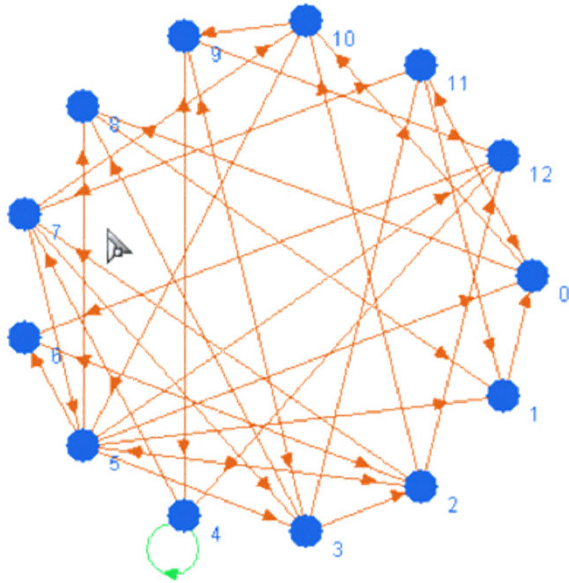
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Cellular Automata



NK Boolean Network (N=13, K=3)

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$$\prod_{i=1}^N 2^{2^{k_i}}$$

# different Boolean networks for same structure ( $256^{13}$ )

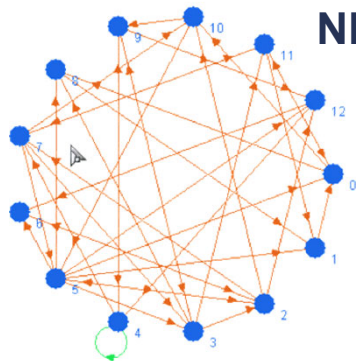
$2^N \rightarrow$  Network configurations (state-space)

$2^{2^K} \rightarrow$  possible Boolean functions of k inputs (k=3  $\rightarrow$  256)

Multivariate Dynamical Systems:  
**Structure:** Variable interactions, associations, influence  
**Dynamics:** variable *states* (micro) network *configurations* (macro)  
**Redundancy:** links (path backbones), state transitions (**canalization**)

**Minimal networks with both structure and dynamics.** Interactions and variables with binary states. Huge state-spaces and **ensembles** for same structure. Full range of **attractor behavior**

Stuart Kauffman's version

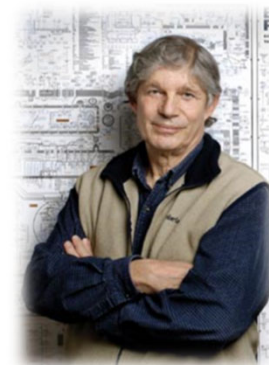


**NK Boolean Network (N=13, K=3)**

#nodes (Boolean variables)

# of inputs per node

$2^K \rightarrow$  possible input combinations for an automaton node



$2^{2^K} \rightarrow$  possible Boolean functions of k inputs

$K=2$

x1	x2	$x1 \wedge x2$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$p = 0.25$

p	q	$p \vee q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

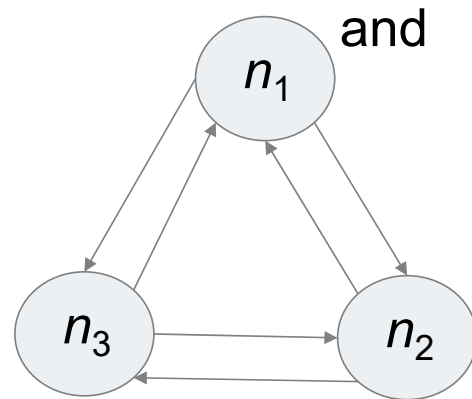
x1	x2
0	0
0	1
1	0
1	1

$p = 0.75$

Lookup tables (LUT)

$p$ : bias, or proportion of "1's" (or "0's") in output

Small NK-network of 3 variables

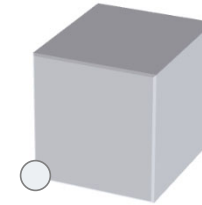


or

p	q	$p \vee q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

or

p	q	$p \wedge q$
0	0	0
0	1	0
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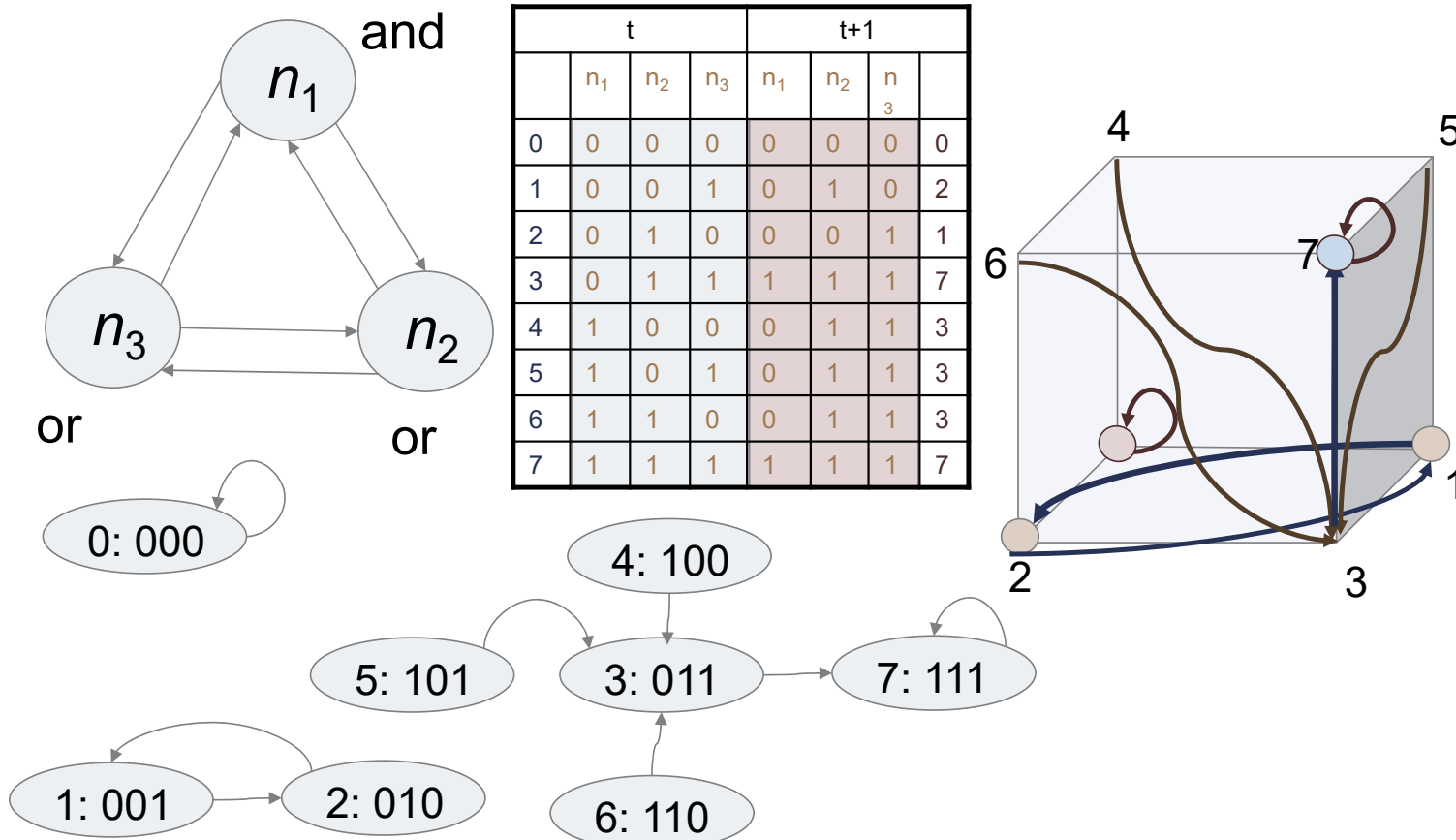


State space

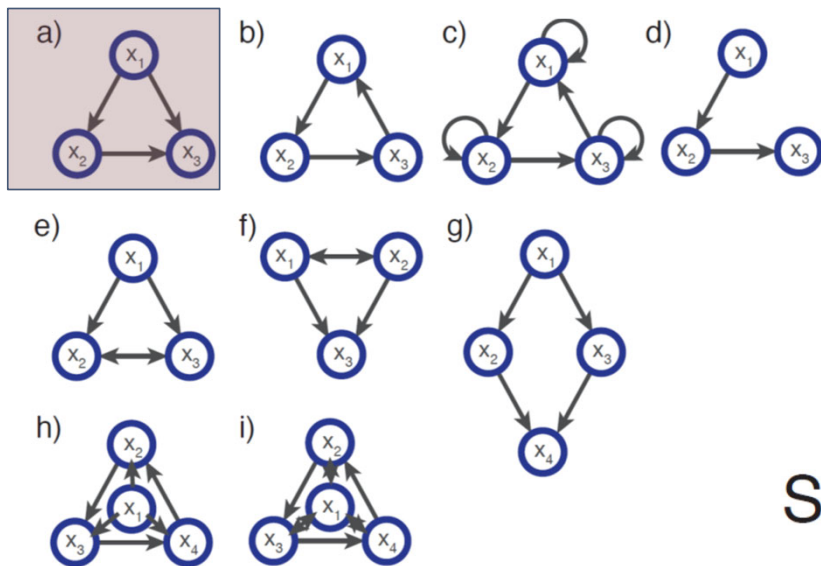
	t			t+1			
	$n_1$	$n_2$	$n_3$	$n_1$	$n_2$	$n_3$	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
3	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
4	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
5	1	0	1	0	1	1	3
6	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	7



Attractors and state-space



ensemble dynamics for same structure

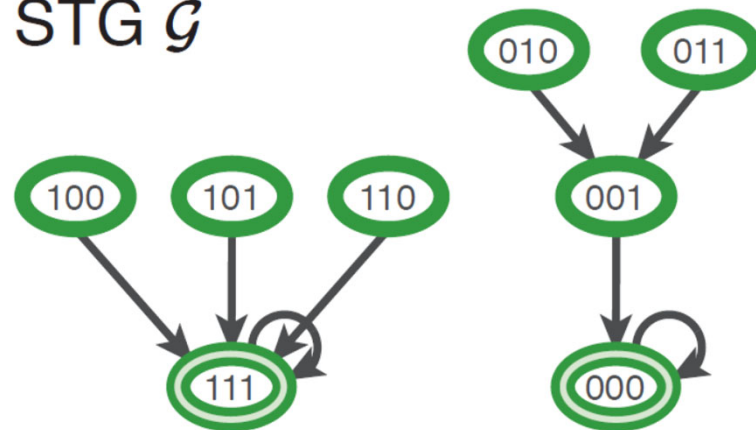


# different Boolean networks for same structure

$$\prod_{i=1}^N 2^{2^{k_i}}$$

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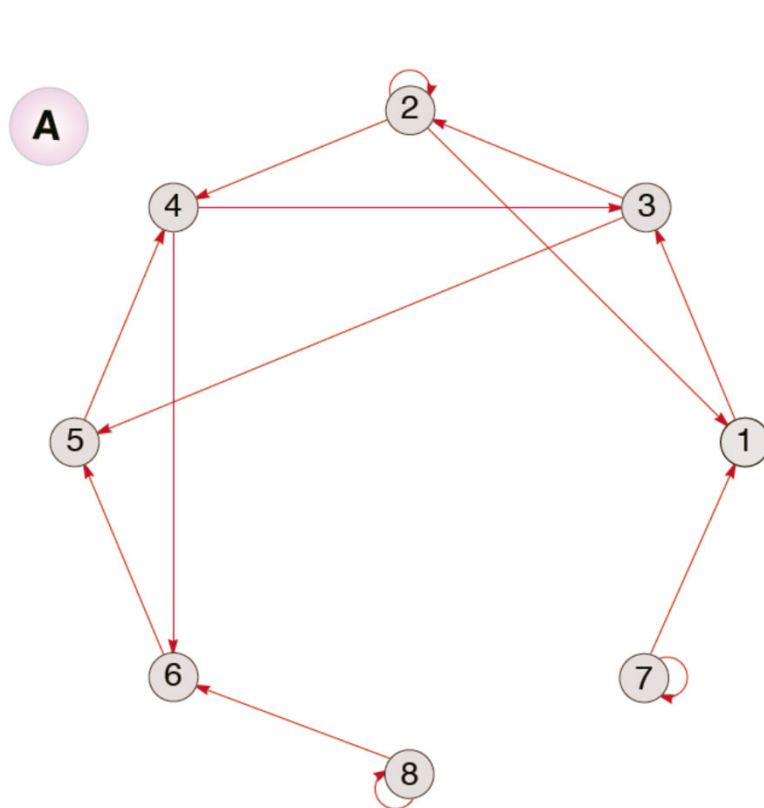
STG  $\mathcal{G}$



Variable Logic

$x_1$	-
$x_2$	$x_1$
$x_3$	$x_1 \vee x_2$

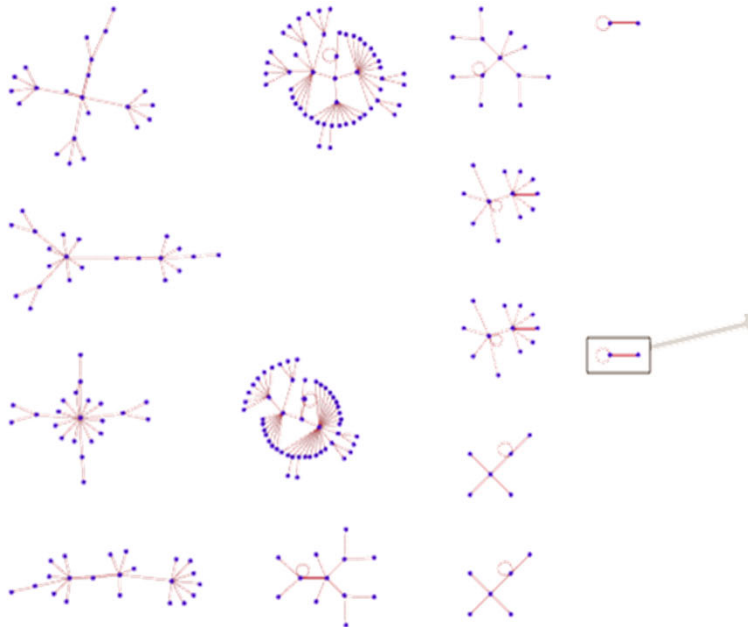
SimpleNet



**B**

Node	Input Nodes	Logical Update Function	Truth Table			
			0,0	0,1	1,0	1,1
1	2, 7	$2 \bar{\wedge} 7$	1	1	1	0
2	2, 3	$2 \wedge 3$	0	0	0	1
3	1, 4	$1 \vee 4$	0	1	1	1
4	2, 5	$2 \vee 5$	0	1	1	1
5	3, 6	$3 \wedge 6$	0	0	0	1
6	8, 4	$8 \vee 4$	0	1	1	1
7	7	7				
8	8	8				

State-transition graph (basins of attraction)

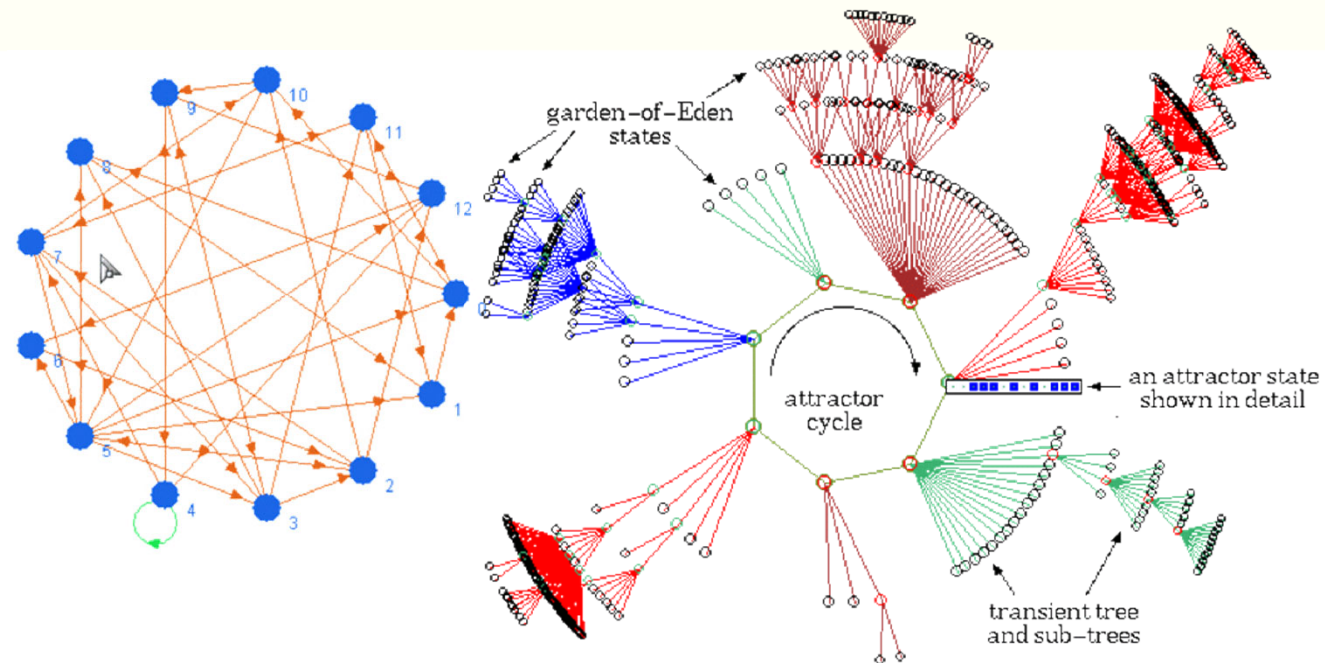


Basin	Size	Attractor	Attractor Period
8	22	1,0,1,1,0,1,1,0 1,0,1,0,1,1,1,0 1,0,1,1,1,0,1,0	3
9	2	1,0,1,1,1,1,1,0	1
10	2	1,0,1,1,1,1,1,0	1
11	12	1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1	1
12	12	1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1	1
13	12	0,1,1,1,1,1,1,0	1
14	12	0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	1

Basin	Size	Attractor	Attractor Period
1	6	1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0	1
2	52	1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1	1
3	6	1,0,1,0,0,0,1,0	1
4	52	1,0,1,1,1,1,1,1	1
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7	22	1,0,1,1,0,1,0,0 1,0,1,0,1,1,0,0 1,0,1,1,1,0,0,0	3

There are  $2^8=256$  possible states but only a small set (14) of attractors

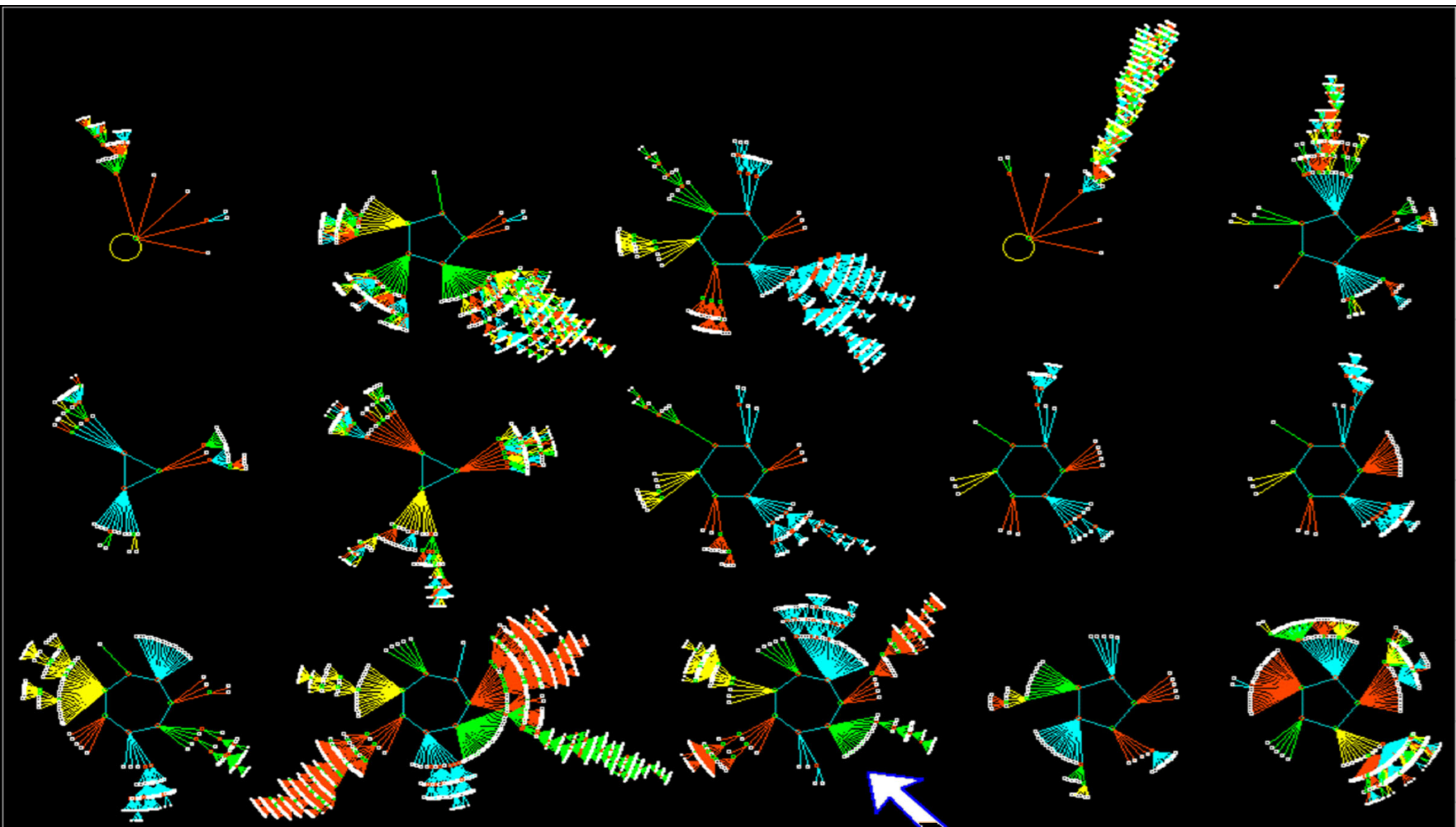
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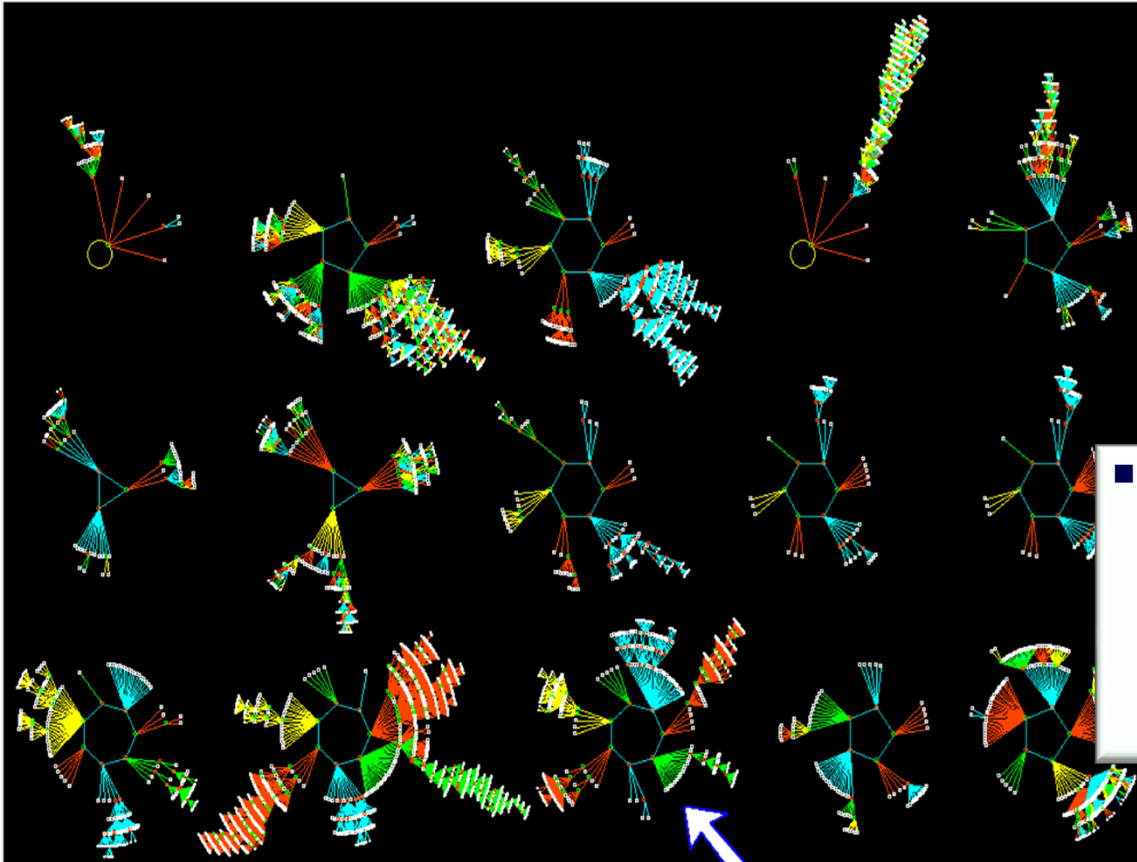
**NK Boolean Network (N=13, K=3)**

*DDLab* (Andy wuensche): <http://www.ddlab.com/>

There are  $2^{13}=8192$  possible states but only a small set of attractors



how to control?



How to infer controllability if STG is too large to compute?  
From configuration to configuration, or attractor to attractor?

- The  $2^{13}=8192$  states in state space are organized into 15 basins
  - attractor periods ranging between 1 and 7.
  - The number of states in each basin is: 68, 984, 784, 1300, 264, 76,316, 120, 64, 120, 256, 2724,604, 84, 428.

## readings

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